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Port of Chingwangtao

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1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] the slipways inside the harbor [REDACTED] may have been filled in. There were no bunkering facilities in the port, but deck supplies were available. [REDACTED] a large tarpaulin on the ground next to 100-ton freight car, a worker then opened a door on the side of the car, and about five tons of beans fell onto the Tarpaulin. The top was then raised [REDACTED] and two corners were loosened, dumping the beans [REDACTED] There is a hospital in the harbor area, [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] a new pier under construction [REDACTED] and it consisted of a pile of stones projecting into the water a ship's length. Each stone in the pile is about three or four cubic feet in volume. A narrow gauge railway runs along the stone pile to the end, apparently to carry more stones.
4. [REDACTED] merchant vessel of 13 thousand to 15 thousand tons about to leave for Whampoa and then for Europe. Some merchant mariners were denied permission to visit the Great Wall of China which begins in the vicinity of Chinwangtao.
5. [REDACTED]

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Port of Hsinking

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[REDACTED] no fuel storage facilities in the port area. Cargoes were brought to the pier by truck and rail car. Loading and all miscellaneous labor was done by hand. [REDACTED] a 50-ton capacity railroad crane available for use on Pier 41, but it was not being used. There were products such as paint, line, and other deck provisions available, but they were of limited variety and cheap quality.

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8.

[REDACTED] approximately 10 merchant vessels in the port: three Soviet of four to five thousand tons; one Soviet coaster of three to four thousand tons; one [REDACTED] and five other ships, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] All the Soviet vessels were home based in Vladivostok and were returning from [REDACTED] ports. There was much up-river traffic but only by Chinese ships.

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[REDACTED] some naval vessels in the port, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These vessels appeared to be troop transports.

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[REDACTED] signal towers on some of the islands covering the approach to the port, and they used the international code. Dredging activities have deepened the area around Pier 41, and the Seaman's Club appeared to be of relatively new construction.

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